

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is the ninth most commonly diagnosed cancer among women, with an

estimated 22,000 new cases this year; and

WHEREAS: In women ages 35-74, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death;

and

WHEREAS: Every woman is at risk for ovarian cancer, regardless of age, heritage, or medical history;

and

WHEREAS: According to the American Cancer Society, this year nearly 400 women in Minnesota

will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and an estimated 260 women with the disease will

die; and

WHEREAS: Diagnosis of ovarian cancer often does not occur until it has reached an advanced stage,

making it the most deadly of all gynecological cancers. Forty-five percent of women

diagnosed with ovarian cancer do not survive beyond five years; and

WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is treatable when detected early. More than 92 percent of women survive

longer than five years if the disease is detected and treated properly before it has spread

beyond the ovaries; and

WHEREAS: Additional ovarian cancer research is urgently needed to develop prevention strategies,

early detection tools, better therapies, and a cure; and

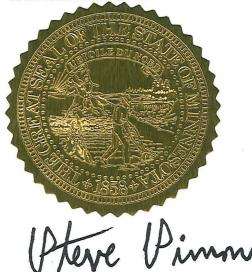
WHEREAS: Women's lives will be saved by raising public awareness about ovarian cancer and

educating doctors and women about the symptoms of the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016, as:

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this lst day of September.

GOVERNOR